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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

A copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) and/or a copy of each document is

not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a parent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §.1.98(d). Applicants note each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report for placement in the file.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant(s) request(s) that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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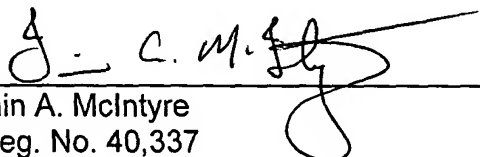
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